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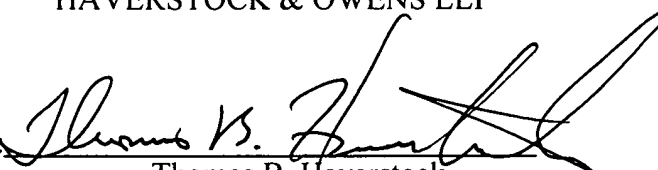
Sir:

Enclosed please find a Response to the office action mailed July 13, 2006, including one (1) replacement drawing and one (1) annotated drawing for filing with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 08-1275. **An originally executed duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.**

Respectfully submitted,
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The Applicant submits this response to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2006:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are on page 12 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including an annotated sheet and a replacement sheet of a drawing figure is attached following page 25 of this paper.